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FOR ANDREWS FROM BARRETT

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SUBJ: BUSINESS ASSISTANCE: INFORMATION ON HATFIELD BILL S-2062 OF
JUNE 25, 1973

REF: LONDON'S 2026, SEPTEMBER 17, 1974

1. PURPOSE OF HATFIELD BILL IS TO PREVENT USE AND CIRCULATION
OF OFFENDING TYPES OF NONRETURNABLE BEVERAGE CONTAINERS
(DEEMED A MAJOR SOURCE OF POLLUTION) BY BANNING THEIR SHIPMENT AND
SALE IN INTERSTATE COMMERCE. THE BILL WOULD AUTHORIZE THE
ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY TO CERTIFY
BEVERAGE CONTAINERS WHICH SATISFY REQUIREMENTS OF THE BILL.
BEVERAGE CONTAINERS SHALL BE CERTIFIED IF REUSABLE BY MORE
THAN ONE MANUFACTURER OR BOTTLER AND MORE THAN ONE MANUFACTURER
OR BOTTLER WILL ACCEPT CONTAINER FOR REUSE AND PAY REFUND.
CONTAINERS SHALL NOT BE CERTIFIED IF BY SHAPE, DESIGN, INSCRIBING
OR OTHER PERMANENT METHOD IT IS REUSABLE ONLY BY A MANUFACTURER
OR BOTTLER UNDER A SPECIFIC BRAND NAME. BILL REPORTEDLY CONFORMS
EXACTLY TO PROVISIONS AND WORDING OF LAW WHICH HAS BEEN IN EFFECT
IN OREGON FOR PAST TWO YEARS.

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WM BILL IS CURRENTLY IN COMMERCE COMMITTEES OF BOTH HOUSE AND SENATE, BUT PUBLIC HEARINGS HAVE THUS FAR BEEN HELD ONLY IN SENATE. NO FURTHER ACTION IS EXPECTED UNTIL BILL REINTRODUCED IN NEXT SESSION OF CONGRESS EARLY NEXT YEAR.

3. REQUEST HAS BEEN MADE FOR WADE APPOINTMENT WITH SENATOR HATFIELD BETWEEN OCTOBER 23 AND 31. RESPONSE WILL BE CABLED WHEN RECEIVED. INGERSOLL

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